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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROPOSED VISITS TO LAOS AND  
VIET-NAM

REF: (A) BANGKOK 20326 (B) BANGKOK 20325

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEK NANA TOLD PRESS JULY 20 THAT HE THOUGHT MFA WOULD SOON PROPOSE DATES TO PDRL FOR FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHA'S VISIT TO LAOS (REF A). HE NOTED THAT AMONG ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE REOPENING OF THE BORDER. THE DEPUTY MINISTER ADDED THAT DATES FOR PHICHA'S HANOI VISIT (REF B) WERE NOT YET FIXED, BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY OCCUR IN MID-AUGUST. LEK NANA ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT VIETNAMESE RELEASED THE 205 THAI FISHERMEN BEING HELD PRISONER IN THAT COUNTRY BY BOAT JULY 19.

2. IN SEPARATE REMARKS, PRIME MINISTER SENI PRAMOT TOLD  
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PRESS THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE LAO INVITATION BUT

SAID PHICHAJ SHOULD GO BECAUSE IT WOULD FURTHER THE  
GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOR-  
ING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SENI DOES NOT PLAN TO REOPEN THE  
BORDER UNTIL FURTHER STUDY AND NEGOTIATION. ASKED WHETHER  
SOME WOULD NOT SAY "WE ARE DANCING TO THE TUNE OF THE  
COMMUNISTS", PRIME MINISTER REPLIED ONLY THAT "ANYBODY  
HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN VIEW".  
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